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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: STRATEGY FOR INTERSESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS ON LAW OF THE SEA

REF: (A) STATE 298001 (B) CAIRO 12956

1. I HEARTILY ENDORSE PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH GOE PRIOR TO 6TH SESSION OF LOS CONFERENCE IN MAY (REF A). GOE COORDINATING OFFICE FOR LOS MATTERS IS MFA LEGAL DEPARTMENT HEADED BY AMBASSADOR NABIL AL-ARABY WITH WHOM EMBASSY HAS ESPECIALLY CLOSE RELATIONS. ON LOS MATTERS HIS IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR IS UNDER SECRETARY AHMAD OSMAN. NEITHER FONMIN FAHMY NOR MINISTER OF STATE RIAD HAVE A DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF OR A GREAT INTEREST IN LOS MATTERS (IT IS DEFINITELY IN OUR INTEREST TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO DO SO THROUGH HIGH LEVEL MESSAGES AND CONSULTATIONS). GOE ALSO CALLS ON NUMBER OF ACADEMIC EXPERTS, PARTICULARLY DR. MUFID SHIHAB, PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIINAL LAW AT UNIVERSITY OF CAIRO AND DR. FAHMY RADAN OF INSTITUTE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

2. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT MFA, ESPECIALLY AT AHMAD OSMAN AND NABIL AL-ARABY LEVEL, WOULD WELCOME CONSULTATIONS WITH US AND EMBASSY URGED WE DO SO IN REF B. MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF DOING SO WOULD BE TO SEND LOS EXPERTS TO CAIRO. THERE IS SOME URGENCY INVOLVED. ARAB COUNTRIES, UNDER AUSPICES OF ARAB LEAGUE, SCHEDULED TO MEET IN CAIRO IN JANUARY TO DISCUSS LOS MATTERS. IN MARCH, SIMILAR AFRICAN LOS ACONFERENCE EXPECTED TO
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HE HELD IN LAGOS UNDER AUSPICES OF OAU. WE WOULD THINK IT

VERY MUCH IN OUR INTEREST TO HAVE CONSULTATIONS WITH EGYPT AND OTHER KEY AFRICAN AND ARAB COUNTRIES PRIOR TO THESE MEETINGS. ACCORDING TO AL-ARABY THERE ARE NO PLANS YET FOR LOS MEETING OF GROUP OF 77.

3. IN DISSCUSSING ABOVE WITH AL-ARABY DECEMBER 14, HE ASKED IF DEPARTMENT COULD PROVIDE HIM WITH ANY MODIFICATION OF US POSITION ON ADMINISTRATIVE REGIME FOR DEEP SEABED. HE ASSUMES IT IS UNDERGOING SOME CHANGE SINCE LAST LOS CONFERENCE. PLEASE ADVISE.
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